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TITLE MAY BE INVALID

Decision that Indian With White Father Cannot Have Allotment.

CHARGES AGAINST SEVERAL PEOPLE

Complaints Accompanied by Application to Enter Homestead Claim—Papers Sent to General Commissioner at Washington—People of Lynch Excited.

O'NEILL, Neb., Aug. 10.—Much excitement is being caused here by reason of a recent decision of the secretary of the interior with reference to land allotted to quarter and half-breed Indians. The syllabus of the case referred to is as follows:

"Children born of a white man, a citizen of the United States, and an Indian woman, his wife, follow the status of the father in the matter of citizenship and are therefore not entitled to allotment under section 4, act of February 8, 1887, as amended by the act of February 28, 1891."

The decision seems to affect the title to several thousand acres of very choice land in Boyd and Knox counties. In October, 1890, there were allotted to the Ponca tribe of Indians in Nebraska several thousand acres of land in the above named counties, which then formed a part of the Ponca and Sioux Indian reservations.

Many of the allottees were children born of a white man and an Indian woman and under the rule then in force it was thought they were entitled to an allotment. This ruling was reversed in the decision above referred to.

S. J. Weeks, register of the United States land office here, when seen to-day said: "Yes, it is true that charges have been preferred by individuals against a number of Indian allottees in Boyd county. The complaints are in the nature of an affidavit, alleging in each instance that the allottee is the child of a white man and a citizen of the United States. In most instances the complaint is accompanied by an application to enter the land as a homestead. The homestead application is not allowed, but all papers are transmitted to the commissioner of the general land office, and will, as I take it, be deemed the charges sufficient, make the matter a subject of inquiry by a special agent or order a hearing at the local land office. In case a hearing is ordered the persons presenting the charges against the allottees must assume and pay the expense of the hearing, but they acquire no preference right to make entry of the land if the allotment is canceled."

AFTER REMAINDER OF LAND.

Section Think Cattleman Can Easily Get Out of the Reserve.

LAWTON, Okla., Aug. 10.—A movement has been started here among the homesteaders who have lost to have the government open up the three reserves in the Lawton district before the opening. At a meeting of 100 or more of them it was decided to petition the interior department at once to take such action. These reserves embrace 532,500 acres, or about 3,300 quarter sections. The land was held in reserve, it is believed, because the government anticipated that the cattleman, who had all of the Kiowa-Comanche country leased for pastures, would not be able to find pastures in Texas or other cattle grazing sections readily. If the cattleman can round up their cattle and get them to the government reservations this fall, the homesteaders argue, they can find pastures somewhere else by next spring. The homesteaders are willing to buy the land outright from the government.

Warrent for Miss Clerk.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 10.—United States Court Commissioner Hecock has, upon the request of Secret Service Agent George W. Hazen, issued a warrant for the arrest of Walter N. Dimmick, former chief clerk of the United States mint in this city, charging him with embezzling \$30,000 in gold coin, the loss of which was discovered early last month.

Omaha Line to Extend.

CUMBERLAND, Wis., Aug. 10.—The Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha railway will tap the Upper Michigan iron country.

Sherriff Kills Horse Thief.

RED LODGE, Mont., Aug. 10.—Sheriff Potter shot and killed Tom Sloan, an alleged Wyoming horse thief. The sheriff had received a message from Big Horse county, Wyoming, to arrest Sloan and his partner, who were headed toward this city with a bunch of stolen horses. Sloan's partner was arrested in the city without resistance. Sheriff Potter and his deputy then found Sloan in the valley some miles from town.

Foreign Office in the Dark.

LONDON, Aug. 10.—The British foreign office is telegraphing to Sir Ernest Satow, the minister of Great Britain at Peking, in order to ascertain the reason for his refusal to sign the Chinese settlement protocol. In view of this fact Lord Cranborne, the under secretary for the foreign office, has requested Henry Norman, an expert in Chinese matters, to investigate the subject. In the House of Commons until Monday next or later.

SPOUSE SUES BURLINGTON.

Man Charged With Ticket Stealing Aids for \$10,000 Damages.

HASTINGS, Neb., Aug. 12.—Oliver Shouse, who was arrested at Bladen, Neb., June 29 at the instance of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad for supposed complicity in the theft of about \$2,000 worth of tickets from the David City depot, but who soon afterward proved his innocence, now through his attorneys, Batty & Dungan, filed a suit against the railroad company for \$10,000 damages.

Superintendent Bignell with a detective and Sheriff Rea of Butler county went to Bladen on a special train to arrest Shouse. A Denver ticket broker was with them to identify Shouse. He claimed Shouse was the man who had disposed of one of the stolen tickets to him. Later developments proved to a certainty that he was sadly mistaken. Messrs. Batty & Dungan soon convinced Superintendent Bignell that they could prove their client had never been to Denver in his life. The railroad man was soon convinced of the serious mistake in the way of mistaken identity and hastened to release Shouse.

Mr. Shouse has sued for false imprisonment and for injury to his good name.

STUDYING TIMBER CULTURE.

United States Forestry Commission in Scotts Bluffs County.

BRIDGEPORT, Neb., Aug. 12.—The United States forestry party has been in camp here some time and is making good progress in its study of Nebraska tree growth. During the past week the old military timber reserve on Lawrence fork of Pumpkin Seed creek was visited and an examination made of the yellow pine which occurs abundantly in that region. Although the best and nearly all the large specimens have been cut, there yet remain thousands of trees that with proper treatment would produce much valuable timber in the future. Residents use it extensively for fence posts and say that if well seasoned it is very durable.

This week the territory between Snake and Pumpkin Seed creeks as far west as Scotts Bluffs will be covered. E. A. Boström, teacher of botany in the Lincoln high school, joined the party here and will collect for the State university until about September 15.

Small Grain Yield.

WAUSA, Neb., Aug. 12.—Threshing is in full force in this community and small grain falls considerably short of expectations. Wheat runs between ten and fifteen bushels; oats from twenty-five to forty; barley from twenty to thirty-five. The farmers now begin to realize that corn, especially the early planted, was damaged much more than was at first thought. It will be the best for years and pastures have been much benefited by recent rains.

Studying Half-Blood Cases.

PENDER, Neb., Aug. 12.—John L. Webster, special counsel for the United States on behalf of the Omaha Indians in what are known as the half-breed cases of which there are twenty-three or twenty-four suits now pending in the United States court at Omaha, has been here for the purpose of getting facts necessary in the hearing of the cases, which will likely occur in November.

Fatally Killed by a Horse.

ATLANTIC, Ia., Aug. 12.—William H. Diabrow, a prominent citizen of the county, who lived four miles northeast of town, was kicked by a vicious horse and was so seriously injured that he died as a result of the injury in a short time.

Young Man Drowned in Blue.

BLUE SPRINGS, Neb., Aug. 12.—Ed Craig, 13 years old, was drowned in the Blue river while bathing with two companions. C. A. Lively, one of his companions, nearly drowned while attempting his rescue.

Mormon Seeking Converts.

SUPERIOR, Neb., Aug. 12.—Two Mormon missionaries are making a house to house visit here in the interest of the Church of the Latter Day Saints. They canvass principally among the women.

Deputy Sheriff Robbed.

NIORAH, Neb., Aug. 12.—Deputy Sheriff John Conway lost by theft his watch, chain, and \$4 in cash. Retiring in the evening he left his room door open and awoke to find that he had been robbed.

Capt. Wiley Remains.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Aug. 12.—Captain Wiley of company C, Second regiment, Nebraska National guard, has sent his resignation to the adjutant general, to take effect at once.

Nebraska City Man Disappears.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Aug. 12.—H. C. Sylvester, residing a mile and a half west of this city, has mysteriously disappeared and his family is at a loss to locate him.

Latest Secret Service Men.

LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 12.—Chief Game Warden Simpkins announced that a large number of deputy wardens have just been appointed whose names will not be given to the public. These unknown deputies will be stationed in considerable numbers in every county, but their names will be kept secret, and their duties shrouded in mystery. Their presence will have to do with enforcement of the game laws.

SUSPECTED GOLD THIEF

John Winters, Former Employee of the Shelby Co., Under Arrest.

DETECTIVES HAVE SOME EVIDENCE

Cap. Lath and Tacks Found in Tunnel Under the Smelter Correspond With Winters's Cabin Contents.—These Things He Will Have to Explain.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 9.—Captain Seymour of the local detective force has disclosed the identity of the man whom the police department has in custody on suspicion of being implicated in the robbery of \$28,000 worth of gold bullion from the Selby Smelter works at Vallejo Junction. The suspect is John Winters, 37 years old, a former employee of the smelting company. Captain Seymour also outlined the evidence on which Winters is being held as follows:

"A man's cap, which was found in the railroad tunnel last Tuesday morning, has been positively identified as a head-covering worn by Winters, and to strengthen this fact there is the further one that the suspect has been wearing a new cap ever since the time of the robbery. He explains his loss of the old one by saying that it blew away."

"The cover of the tunnel excavated by the thieves was constructed of laths, upon which some cloth was fastened with tacks of a peculiar pattern, and tacks similar to these were found today in Winters's cabin. Portions of laths similar to those composing the framework of the cover have been found at the same place."

"A pistol owned by Winters and found in his cabin is covered with mud, which corresponds exactly with the earth taken from the tunnel."

"In the tunnel were found several pieces of peculiar chalk, which had been used to smother the grinding sound made by the drill by which the floorboards had been bored, and pieces of chalk exactly like them were found in Winters's residence. In the cabin was also found an implement designed to cut gaspne, a small electric battery and tiny electric bulb, the latter being covered with dirt similar to that in the tunnel under the vault. Winters had been seen late at night in the vicinity of the railroad tunnel six or seven times by persons who had occasion to pass that way."

Winters stoutly claims that he knows nothing whatever about the robbery. The theory upon which the detectives are now working on is that the robbery was executed by one man only. It is thought that the two bars of gold found at the water's edge were placed there designedly for the purpose of creating the impression that the gold had been carried away in a boat. On this hypothesis a strict search is being made near the vicinity of the robbery, for the stolen gold.

TO INVESTIGATE MARKETS.

Agricultural Department Will Guarantee Sales to Dealers.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—Mr. Tracwell, the comptroller of the treasury, in a letter to the secretary of agriculture, held that the Agricultural department may as suggested enter into comparative estimates with dealers of fruit, whereby the government shall guarantee to them a definite net return per acre on fruit packed and shipped and sold under the direction of the promulgator of the department through the ordinary channels of trade.

The purpose of the department is to investigate the foreign market condition with the view of increasing the American sales in Europe. Under the proposed arrangement the exporter would receive the net proceeds of sales, that is all proceeds after deducting freight and other charges. If the net return should be less than the guaranteed amount the difference between the net proceeds released and the guaranteed return would be paid the exporter out of the appropriation for "pomological investigations."

Shot by a Woman.

DENVER, Aug. 9.—Mrs. Philip Hitchcock, wife of a prominent railroad man, shot and seriously wounded James W. Roberts and his wife in their candy store on Sixteenth street.

The woman was shot in the face and the man received two bullets, one in the middle of the forehead. It was at first thought the man was killed, but at the hospital he revived and the physicians hope for the recovery of both.

More Steamers For Fruit.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Aug. 8.—At a meeting of influential merchants and representative fruit growers today the preliminary steps were taken for the formation of a company with a capital of \$20,000 to establish a line of fruit steamers between Jamaica and American ports, not named. This action was taken in consequence of the great supply of fruit, which cannot be handled by the lines trading with the United States and Europe.

Memorial Arch to Harrison.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Aug. 9.—The Harrison monument commission has \$30,000 in the fund and hopes to raise \$150,000 to \$250,000, when the style of the structure will be considered. Members of the commission incline toward a memorial arch to cost \$250,000. Among the contributors to the fund are: Senator Charles Fairbanks, \$1,000; W. R. McKee of Terre Haute, \$1,000; John W. Wanner of Philadelphia, \$1,000.

THE LAST FROM MARTIN.

War Department Receives Report of Affairs in the Philippines.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—The annual report of Major General MacArthur, dated July 1, 1901, the day he relinquished command of the Philippines, has been received at the War department. The report covered by the report is from October 1, 1900, when the last report from General MacArthur was dated. He says: "With the disbandment of the insurgents' field armies the Filipinos organized desperate resistance by banding the people together in support of the guerrillas. This was carried out by means of secret committees which collected contributions, inflicted punishments and carried on a considerable opposition to the Americans." General MacArthur says he hopes the policy adopted will, in time, conciliate the natives and make them friendly to the United States. The education of the people in times past made them suspicious of any governmental beneficence and they evidently looked upon the lenient attitude of the United States as indicating weakness. General MacArthur says the proclamation issued on December 20 firmly declaring the intention of the United States to hold the islands and have the laws obeyed had a good effect and the secret resistance was much abated.

General MacArthur gives the following statistics from May 5, 1900, to June 30, 1901 (during which time there were 1,062 contacts between American troops and insurgents), which show the casualties on both sides:

Americans—Killed, 245; wounded, 490; captured, 118; missing, 20. Insurgents—Killed—254; wounded, 1,193; captured, 6,572; surrendered, 23,095.

During the same period the following material was captured or surrendered from the insurgents: Rifles, 15; ammunition, 230,365 rounds; pistols, 88; bolos, 3,516; cannon, 122; cannon ammunition, 10,270 rounds.

FACTS ABOUT CUMMINS.

Is One of the Representative Republicans of Iowa.

DES MOINES, Ia., Aug. 9.—A. B. Cummins of Des Moines, who was nominated at the republican state convention, is one of Iowa's representative men.

Born in Greene county, Pennsylvania, 51 years of age, of Scotch-Irish parentage, he worked his way through the common schools and the Waynesburg academy, and then, when his education was completed, followed the advice of Greeley and came west.

It was in 1869 that he located in Elkader, in Clayton county, Iowa, and there secured a clerkship in the recorder's office. Some time afterward he engaged in carpentering and still later he was express messenger.

In 1871 Cummins went to Indiana and was deputy surveyor of Allen county, a short time afterward becoming division engineer of the Cincinnati, Richmond & Fort Wayne railroad. At the age of 23 Cummins decided to study law, and two years later was admitted to the bar in Chicago.

NO CHANCE FOR MEDIATION.

Three Strikers Want All Demands Met, or Nothing.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Aug. 9.—The strike situation is practically unchanged. Governor Gage has not been asked to act as mediator, though he is willing to do what he can to settle the trouble by arbitration. The City Federation has extended the strike so as to include the ports of Benicia and Redwood City. The San Francisco board of trade has undertaken the task of calling all the retail dealers' associations of the city in a united effort to bring about a compromise.

The labor leaders, however, state that the struggle is not likely to be ended for some time. A mass meeting to consider the situation has been called for tomorrow night.

Col. Breathitt Dead.

MARSHALL, Mo., Aug. 9.—Colonel Cardwell Breathitt died suddenly at his home near Nelson yesterday, aged 82. He was a son of Governor John Breathitt of Kentucky and father of John B. Breathitt, former railroad commissioner.

Iowa Firm Bankrupt.

DUBUQUE, Ia., Aug. 9.—J. F. Lindeman & Co. of Lime Springs have filed a petition in bankruptcy. The liabilities are \$40,000 and the assets \$6,000.

Roosevelt is Overruling.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Aug. 9.—Vice President Roosevelt and party who left Colorado Springs Monday afternoon for a horseback ride and coyote hunt through the southeastern part of El Paso county and were to have been back this afternoon has not been heard from. This is taken to mean that they are having an enjoyable and successful hunt. The proposed trip to the Cripple Creek district has been postponed until Friday.

Treasure from Skagway.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 9.—A special to the Times from Vancouver, B. C., says:

"The steamship Islander arrived today from Skagway. She brought \$150,000 in treasure. News was brought down of a great growth on the creeks, which will be the means of very much reducing the output as estimated. The bank of British America shipped via St. Michael to San Francisco \$250,000 just before the steamer left."

STRIKE SO FAR IS EVEN

Close of Wednesday Finds Each Side With Something Gained.

THE NEWCASTLE PLANT IS CLOSED

Manufacturers Retaliate by Breaking Strike at the Clark Mills—Both Sides Say That the Other Must First Suggest Peace.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Aug. 8.—In the big steel strike honors are even in this section tonight. The Amalgamated association succeeded in closing down the big steel plant at Newcastle and the manufacturers partially broke the strike at the Clark mill in this city. Neither side is exulting, nor is there any expression of discouragement.

Up to this hour not the slightest trouble has occurred at any point in this immediate territory and the Amalgamated men are correspondingly happy, because this condition would seem to be the carrying out of the association's departure in the handling of strikes. The quiet waiting of the strikers may be one of the surprises hinted at by the national officials. From one or two points the strikers are reported as restless and eager for action, but so far they have kept faith with their leaders and refrained from committing any breach of the peace.

The United States Steel corporation it was learned today from an official source, will at once proceed in a systematic manner to start its closed sheet mills, making the non-union plants of the Kiskiminetas valley the cradle where strike-breakers will be trained and then sent out to the mills that are closed.

So far as President Schweb is concerned no overtures will be made to the workers. In a talk with a Pittsburgh man in New York yesterday he said: "We have made our last proposition to the Amalgamated association and will now proceed to start our works."

President Shaffer makes this counter statement: "The next proposition must come from the United States Steel corporation officials."

Thus the two officials stand. It seems as if only outside efforts could bring them together. The trust officials have decided to go ahead slowly in the matter of starting mills and to do so with as little publicity as possible.

The strongholds of the sheet company are the mills at Vandergrift, the largest in the country, Leechburg, Apollo and Scottsdale. It has been decided to take as many skilled men away from these places as possible without retarding operations there and start the mills where there is the least danger of an outbreak. The places left vacant at the mills mentioned will be filled with men deserving of promotion and they will be given better positions. This move will be undertaken slowly and with caution. The plan further contemplates that after a time many of the strikers will return when they see one after another of the closed mills resuming. This plan was tested and was found to be feasible so far as the mills at Hyde Park and Wellsville go, and it has been decided to adopt it so far as the sheet and hoop mills are concerned.

CUMMINS ON FIRST BALLOT.

Republicans of Iowa Nominate Him on First Ballot.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Aug. 8.—For governor, A. B. Cummins, Polk. For lieutenant governor, John Herriott, Guthrie. For supreme court judge, S. M. Weaver, Hardin. For railroad commissioner, Ed C. Brown, O'Brien. For superintendent, R. C. Barrett, Nitcheil.

This is the ticket given birth by the republican state convention here yesterday. The nomination of Cummins was a foregone conclusion since the break up of the Herriott forces, which culminated in a release by Herriott of his own Guthrie county delegation. The fight was none the less a pretty one and close enough to be interesting to the end.

The anti-Cummins combination managed to capture a majority of the district caucuses to the extent of controlling the credentials committee and securing from it a report casting anti-Cummins contestants in Carroll and Jackson counties.

Will Enlarge Prison Tests.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—Extensive improvements are contemplated at the important military posts at Fort Monroe, Va., Fort Leavenworth, Kan., Fort Sheridan, Ill., and San Francisco. Since the transfer of the military prison at Leavenworth to the general government the posts named have been used for the imprisonment of general military prisoners. Under general plans of the department prison facilities will be enlarged.

Selling Impure Ice.

CHICAGO, Aug. 8.—Flagrant breaking of the law forbidding the sale of impure ice for domestic purposes has been discovered in Chicago by the state pure food commission and all the inspectors throughout the state have been ordered to report here at once to make a thorough examination. Not an ice plant will escape investigation, and all found guilty of selling impure ice for domestic use will be prosecuted to full extent of the law.

DEMOCRATS AND POPULISTS.

They Will Hold Their State Conventions September 17.

LINCOLN, Aug. 10.—The democratic and populist state committees in session here both agreed to hold their state conventions in Lincoln September 17. The hour for assembling was left to the chairman.

The basis of representation in the democratic convention was fixed at one delegate for each 100 votes or major fraction thereof cast for Hon. W. D. Oldham for attorney general last fall. This will mean from 800 to 1,000 delegates in that convention.

There will be over 1,200 in the populist convention, representation being based on one delegate for each 100 votes or major fraction thereof cast for Hon. W. A. Poynter for governor last fall.

State Vegetation Improves.

LINCOLN, Aug. 10.—Secretary Adna Dodson of the state board of irrigation returned from a tour through the North Platte river valley. He says the recent rains have materially increased the flow of water in all streams in that section of the state.

"Vegetation in the North Platte valley is in excellent condition," said Mr. Dodson. "Corn is doing exceptionally well and alfalfa is now being cut for the second crop. In Cheyenne and Deuel counties hay is making a good crop. In those counties they grow what is called wheat grass. It is a superior grass and sells at \$8 a ton when alfalfa brings about \$3."

School Money Invested.

LINCOLN, Aug. 10.—Records of the state treasurer's office show that there is \$4,582,977.47 of permanent school money invested in interest-bearing bonds. The revenue on this investment averages 3 1/2 per cent, and all money so derived is credited to the temporary school fund, which is apportioned twice each year among the schools of the state. The amount of school money invested is \$108,476 greater than at any time prior to Mr. Steuffer's incumbency.

Want Single Women as Teachers.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Aug. 10.—At the meeting of the board of education a resolution was introduced by Member McAllister to the effect that hereafter should any woman teacher marry, her contract as teacher be terminated at once. The resolution was discussed and it was the general belief that married women should not be employed as teachers. On motion the resolution was laid on the table for one month.

Big Yield of Wheat at Genoa.

GENOA, Neb., Aug. 10.—The biggest yield of wheat reported in this section thus far is that of S. T. Battles, who lives one mile east of Genoa. Battles had 200 acres of winter wheat and fifty acres of spring wheat. He finished threshing his winter wheat Friday and found that he had 8,000 bushels. He has not threshed his spring wheat, but estimates that it will yield twenty-five bushels per acre.

Paul Hunger Passes Away.

LINCOLN, Aug. 10.—Paul Hunger, one of the youngest members of the bar of this county, died at St. Elizabeth's hospital from an operation for internal abscess. Mr. Hunger, who was but 23 years of age and had been ill about ten days, had a wide circle of friends in this city, belonging to many fraternal orders and was president of the Young Men's Republican club.

Burned to Death.

STELLA, Aug. 10.—Mrs. Ed Knapp of Nemaha was so terribly burned in a gasoline explosion that she died. She broke a jug of gasoline in a cave and the ground was soaked with oil. Later in the day she had occasion to go into the cave and, as it was dark, struck a match, which ignited the gas. She ran out in the air, but did not extinguish the flames until fatally burned.

Two Boys Sent to Penitentiary.

SIDNEY, Neb., Aug. 10.—Judge Grimes sentenced Harry Ickes, aged 19, and Fred Pierson, aged 20, to the penitentiary for one year each. Ickes and Pierson both pleaded guilty, the former to the charge of forgery and the latter to stealing a check and pocketing the proceeds.

Condition of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 10.—Today's statement of the treasury balance in the general fund, exclusive of \$150,000,000 gold, shows: Available cash balance, \$176,207,117; gold, \$102,436,748.

Townley Denies Wrong Intent.

LINCOLN, Aug. 10.—In his sworn testimony before the Manilla court martial on May 29, Lieutenant Townley said he was led into the commissary scandal by an impulsive desire to be of assistance in what at that time he believed to be a worthy cause, but he denied any intention of wrongdoing. A copy of the Manilla American, published the day following the trial, contains a detailed report of the proceedings in the court martial.

Young Couple Run Away.

GENOA, Neb., Aug. 10.—Quite a sensation was created here by an announcement that Miss Olive Young and Lawrence Hunt of this city were missing. Investigation brought to light the fact that a liverman took them to Columbus, leaving here about midnight, where, it is supposed, they took the train for Iowa. Miss Young is the daughter of H. C. Young, proprietor of the Commercial hotel, and Hunt recently came from Iowa.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

Paul Alexis, the French novelist, is dead.

The broom trust will raise prices 25 to 50 cents per dozen.

Acting Adjutant General Warren has received a cable announcing the death of Major William E. Almy, Porto Rican regiment at San Juan, from appendicitis.

People who are in close association with Mr. Kruger say that up to the present it has not been decided that the Boer statesman will visit the United States.

Bishop John Moore was buried at St. Augustine, Fla. The funeral was largely attended and dignitaries of the church from all over the United States were present.

Prussian officials take seriously the statement from St. Petersburg that Russia will forbid Russian farm laborers to cross the frontier for summer work in Prussia.

Commander William Swift, commanding the gunboat Yorktown, has been ordered to relieve Commander Seaton Schroeder as naval governor of the island of Guam.

The bureau of admissions announces the attendance at the Pan-American exposition at Buffalo during the first three months ending at midnight on July 31 as 2,724,908.

Former Congressman Blount is not critically ill. He received a slight touch of paralysis some days ago, affecting the muscles of his face and hands, but he is steadily improving.

Myron A. Decker, a well known New York piano manufacturer, is dead, aged 83. Mr. Decker was born in the Catskills and began the manufacture of pianos in New York about forty years ago.

The navy department is about to establish a private school for children on the Samoan island of Tutuila. The naval commander, Chaplain Tilly, has made an urgent recommendation to this effect.

At Marlin, Tex., Porter Sawyer, aged 18, shot and killed his father and was overcome by heat while trying to escape and died. The boy is said to have become angry at his father for whipping a horse.

The president has commuted to life imprisonment the sentence of death pronounced by court martial upon James W. Allen, private, Company F, Forty-sixth infantry. Allen was convicted of rape at Hummingbird, Luzon.

The Cincinnati Price Current in its weekly review of the crop situation says: "Important relief to corn by rates, but indications not above 80 per cent, or 1,500,000,000 bushels. Wheat threshing maintaining expectations."

Court martials are to be held in Manila on Lieutenant Preston Brown and Captain Francis P. Fremont, Second infantry. The lieutenant is accused of killing a native who refused to recover the body of a soldier from the river.

Dr. Henry B. Horbeck, for many years health officer of Charleston, S. C., is dead. He was a confederate surgeon of ability, a former president of the American Medical association and an eminent authority on yellow fever.